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For:	Derivatized Reduced Malto-Oligosaccharides	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed for consideration prior to examination of the U.S. patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in connection with this amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Prior to examination, please amend the instant application as follows. Amendments to the specification begin on the next page. Amendments to the claims begin on page 3